

SHB 2344 - H AMD 867

By Representative Wallace

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1 On page 3, after line 33, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Within existing resources, the joint
3 legislative audit and review committee shall complete a systemic
4 performance audit of the state universities, regional universities,
5 and The Evergreen State College. The purpose of the audit is to
6 create a transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and
7 performance outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements
8 developed under RCW 28B.10.920 and the strategic master plan for
9 higher education as adopted by the legislature. The study shall:

10 (a) Identify standardized categories of costs that will allow
11 comparison across various administrative, student support, and
12 academic functions;

13 (b) Based on available management data, estimate current annual
14 costs at each institution for the various cost categories;

15 (c) Based on available management data, identify fund sources
16 that support the cost categories at each institution; and

17 (d) Identify barriers or gaps in data linking revenues,
18 expenditures and performance agreement outcome measures.

19 (2) The auditor shall report findings and recommendations to the
20 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2010. The
21 report shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements
22 as they relate to the purpose of the audit:

23 (a) The identification of cost savings and programs or services
24 that could be eliminated;

25 (b) Analysis of gaps or overlaps in programs or services and
26 recommendations to correct gaps or overlaps;

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1 (c) Feasibility of pooling technology systems or elements of
2 technology systems pursuant to chapter __ RCW (Second Substitute
3 House Bill No. 1946), laws of 2009;

4 (d) Recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that may
5 be necessary for the state universities, regional universities, and
6 The Evergreen State College to meet performance agreement objectives
7 mutually agreed upon pursuant to 28B.10.922; and

8 (e) Recommendations on the development of a uniform higher
9 education performance, budgeting, accounting and reporting system."

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EFFECT: Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
to conduct a systemic performance audit of the public
baccalaureate institutions.

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